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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In advance of examination, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/184,007, entitled Catalytic Bed Reactor, filed February 22, 200, and under 35 USC §119(a) to G.B. 000169.8, filed January 25, 2000 and G.B. 0017188.4, filed July 13, 2000, the entirety of each of which is incorporated herein by reference.